



Statement of the IDB Governor for the Republic of Tajikistan

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In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

**Chairman of the IDB Board of Governors,
Governors and Alternate Governors
President of the Islamic Development Bank Group,
Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Aassalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuhu,

On behalf of the Government of Tajikistan, let me convey our appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Tunisia, for the warm welcome and hospitality. Our thanks also to the Bank for the excellent arrangement of this meeting.

It gives me a great pleasure to convey to His Excellency Dr. Bandar Al Hajjar the President of the Islamic Development Bank, to all the staff of the IDB, and delegations of the members of the Bank the best wishes from the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, His Excellency Emomali Rahmon and his high appreciation of the level of cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Islamic Development Bank, also with other countries members of the bank.

This meeting gives an opportunity to jointly evaluate the achievements, to discuss major development issues and to identify ways of tackling various issues through cooperation.

During the period of cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank in Tajikistan, investment projects totaling more than USD 354.0 million were implemented, and our current joint partnership with the Bank is aimed at developing the most important sectors of the economy, in the context of regional cooperation.

It is gratifying that starting from 2016 year, within the framework of the Special Program for Central Asia of the Islamic Development Bank for the period 2016-2020 and the “Lives and Livelihoods Fund (LLF)” program, we entered a new phase of cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank, which are in line with our strategic directions development, and we look forward to great progress in this direction.

We are pleased with our effective cooperation with th IDB and hope that by expanding the Bank’s opportunities our cooperation will also expand in different sectors, including development of infrastructure, trade, support of education and healthcare sectors and thereby will proactively promote economic development, creation of new jobs, addressing social issues and improving public living standards.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon initiated several creative initiatives at the international level to achieve these objectives and settle the water related issues.

Our President launch of the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028" in the UN headquarters, which officially started on March 22, 2018 on the sideline of celebration of International Nawruz and the World Water Day.

Tajikistan Open Doors Policy as the genuine core of our relations with the contemporary world proved to be realistic, right and beneficial.

It is important to attract foreign investments for implementation of infrastructure projects, create favorable external environment for our country's sustainable development.

The Government has been mobilizing possible opportunity and resources for rehabilitation and construction of social and economic infrastructure, settling the issues of water and energy, particularly use of renewable energy sources and implementation of "Green Economy", ensuring favorable investment and business environment, private sector development.

We have been implementing the National Development Strategy of Tajikistan to 2030 during the last two years, the priority actions of which are incorporated into the Midterm Development Program of Tajikistan (2016-2020), and have been achieving economic development gross indicators.

The main goal of the above program and strategy under development is to improve the well-being of the country's population through sustainable social and economic development.

To successfully address a complex of social, economic and ecological issues, within the framework of the NDS we identified such strategic goals as ensuring energy security, eliminating communication deadlock, ensuring food security.

In this regard, the priority areas are: more efficient use of the national natural resources and human capital, diversification and achievement of competitiveness of national economy, institutional development, and balanced development of regions of the country.

**Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies,**

We are satisfied with the high level of cooperation between Tajikistan and the Islamic Development Bank Group and intend to support all initiatives of the Bank aimed at ensuring regional development, improving the welfare of the population of the member countries of the Bank and counting on long-term and mutually beneficial cooperation.

Wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.